

Proposed Bill No. 148

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LCO No. 777

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEATH PENALTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to eliminate the death penalty
- 2 as a sentencing option for persons convicted of a capital felony and
- 3 substitute a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of
- 4 release as the authorized sentence for such persons, except that the
- 5 option of the death penalty shall remain when any person commits a
- 6 capital felony while serving a sentence of life imprisonment without
- 7 the possibility of release that was imposed for a prior conviction of a
- 8 capital felony.

Statement of Purpose:

To decrease the imposition of the death penalty by eliminating the death penalty as a sentencing option except when a person already serving a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of release commits a capital felony.